**NPU Stop and Search Scrutiny panel**

**Location:** **Date and Time:**

Wolverhampton Central Police Station, Bilston street, City Centre, WV1 3AA and TEAMS

18/07/2023 at 18:30-20:30pm

**Apologies:**

Adrian Roberts

Alex Ikponmwosa Izedonmwen (AI)

Esther Douglas (ED)

Joanne Davies (JD)

**In Attendance**:

Chester Morrison - Chair (CM)

Dr Mathew Ojo (MO)

Michael Hough (MH)

Natalia Lipiec (NL) – YP panel Chair

Natalie Robinson (NR)

Ned Kelly – Inspector (NK)

Neil Hubbins (NH)

Ruth South (RS)

Shezè Malik – OPCC (SM)

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|  | **Item Discussed** | **Actions** |
| 1. | Welcome and introduction done by Chair Chester Morrison and welcomed new panel members ED, MO, and NR | No actions from last meetings and no issues or concerns to raise – SVRO info explained to new panel member and SM to send panel members SVRO pilot guidance. |
| 2. | UPDATE on stop and search data from 01/05/2023 – 30/06/2023 by Insp NK | Discussed and updated on performance data including outcome rates, disproportionately data and total number of searches across the West midlands and Wolverhampton.  New members were explained the data and its breakdown figures.  WV  Positive Outcomes – 30.5%  Meets required standard - 93.8%  BWV – 96.0%  Insp NK explained and gave a brief to the panel and also highlighted targeted patrols.  Chair CM asked if break down figures of different area could be produced to understand and compare.  NR stated that this would allow the panel to see the outcome and evaluate target/impact areas.  MO asked if breakdown of ethnicities in impact areas could be produced.  Chair CM asked if new census could be brought to panel to understand figures.  Powers used  S23 Misuse of Drugs Act (MDA) – 58.7%  S1 Police and Criminal Evidence Act (PACE) – 35.5%  S47 Firearms Act – 5.4%  New Psychoactive Substance Act 2016 -0.4%   * 256 MDA searches * 185 sec 1 PACE searches * 7 sec 47 Firearms Act searches * 3 Psychoactive Substance Act searches   RS concerned and questioned around s23 MDA power quite high - panel consensus concerns around this. Insp NK explained that intelligence can play a part in rationale.  NH commented on ‘not applicable’ bar label unclear within the slide of ‘ethnicity of person searched’ and should be labelled ‘vehicle’ for clarity.  Insp NK discussed the ethnicity disproportionately breakdown figures.  0.8 % Asian previously 1.0  2.4 % Black previously 1.5  Insp NK discussed Searches for drugs  SM asked if we could also have the find rate figures along with positive outcome rates.  The panel reviewed the figures regarding 10-17 years.    Powers used  S23 Misuse of Drugs Act (MDA) – 42.7 %  S1 Police and Criminal Evidence Act (PACE) – 56.0%  S47 Firearms Act – 1.3%  Positive Outcomes – 25.3%  Meets required standard – 91.2%  BWV – 93.3%  Disproportionately breakdown figures.  0.4 % Asian  4.7 % Black  CM concerned re Black ratio figures – panel consensus. |
| 3. | Stop and search record 1 –  SSWV-4G-119444587 – PC 25449  Stop and Search record 2 –  SSWV-FA-121550791 - PC 26325 | Randomly selected by Chair form a list of onscreen record numbers  This footage showed a drug search was conducted on a female following a vehicle stop due to a drugs intelligence marker. There were a few officers present and looked like the footage had been recorded mid-way as the officer had attended the scene later from when the vehicle was stopped. MO highlighted the importance of officers pressing the Body Worn Camera’s (BWC) earlier.  The panel felt the search was justified and the officer conducting the search legally, fairly and communicated well.  Requested by RS to watch a person of Black ethnicity being stopped and search – footage selected from the list on-screen.  This footage showed a male shoplifter being detained and searched by officers in a busy Primark store. Male handcuffed as soon on approach. Objects found on person.  Panel felt that the officers could have removed the male from the public view to the side of the store as there were many onlookers during the questioning and search. The need of handcuffing was also raised as some panel members felt that search could have been carried out without the need of handcuffing. |
| 4. | Dip sample of Use of Force records | Due to lack of time, use of Force data and footages were not viewed.  SM requested panel members to analyse data slides prior to meeting to discuss in meeting to save time or send any via email prior to meetings for Ins NK to produce answers/clarification. |
| 5. | Action noted from discussions for update at next panel | * SM to send SVRO info to new panel members. * Insp NK to produce breakdown of ethnicities in impact areas of the 21 wards in WV. * SM to send new census link to panel members. * Insp NK to raise ‘not applicable’ label in Silver Meeting * Insp NK to add ‘find rate’ along when ‘positive outcomes’ stated. |
|  | AOB /Notes | Chair CM suggested that next panel would reverse the agenda and analyse records and footages first followed by data. |
| 6. | Date and location of next panel | Tuesday 19th September 2023.  18:30-20:30pm  Wolverhampton Central Police Station, Bilston street, City Centre, WV1 3AA. |